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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-May-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/03/08	04/26/08
Broiler/fryer	168,746	166,653
Light hens	1,333	1,301
Heavy hens	1,657	1,712

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA ***DATA FOR THE WEEKENDING***

WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD) LIGHT HENS HEAVY HENS TOTAL 411 Head 411 7 Head sltr Comparisons Last Week 311 0 311 Same week yr ago 306 0 306 5,376 5,395 To-date/2008 19 To-date/2007 14 3,699 3,713

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,593	1,711	3,304
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,878	1,571	3,449
Same week yr ago	1,462	1,432	2,894
To-date/2008	29,100	25,581	54,681
To-date/2007	22,666	23,017	45,683

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS
Head	165,215	1,182	1,704	2,886
Avg Wt	5.48	3.08	7.90	5.93
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	165,918	1,567	1,571	3,138
Same wk yr ago	161,364	1,156	1,432	2,588
Avg Wt	5.50	3.29	8.14	5.97
To-date/2008	2,775,664	23,724	25,562	49,286
To-date/2007	2,667,469	18,967	23,003	41,970

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based 169.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 167.2 million head, or 2.3 million less than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-08

	(A) 4.25 lbs	(B) 4.26 -	(C) 6.26 -	(D) 7.76 lbs	
	& down	6.25 lbs	7.75 lbs	% up	Total
Head	45,300	81,560	21,747	16,608	165,215
Avg Live Wgt	3.88	5.44	6.84	8.30	5.48
% of total /1	28%	49%	13%	10%	100%
Last week	43,450	77,984	27,235	17,249	165,918
Avg Live Wgt	3.86	5.50	6.86	8.36	5.59
% of total /1	26%	47%	17%	10%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,862	77,296	30,866	12,340	161,364
Avg Live Wgt	3.82	5.40	6.84	8.26	5.50
% of total /1	25%	48%	19%	8%	100%
To date/2008	7350588	1,337,018	419,138	284,450	2,775,664
To date/2007	719,715	1,366,491	381,032	200,231	2,667,469

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.
- (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-Apr-08 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL	
Head	1,998	2,761	8	1	4,768	
Avg Wt	16.14	38.60	30.60	61.71	29.18	
Head sltr comparisons						
Last week	1,993	2,719	46	12	4,770	
Same wk yr ago	1,951	2,594	12	3	4,560	
Avg Wt	16.55	38.02	24.16	31.03	28.79	
To-date/2008	32,116	46,446	328	160	79,050	
To-date/2007	31,637	42,688	237	73	74,635	

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.